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# Poling recognized as top ROTC cadet

Cadet Thomas C. Poling has received the George C. Marshall Award as the top cadet in Marshall University's Army ROTC unit, according to Lt. Col. Stephen A. Redmond, professor and chair of the Department of Military Science at MU.

"Cadet Poling well represents the Army ROTC Battalion, Marshall University and the United States Army," Redmond said. "He has worked very hard and this award gives him the recognition he deserves."

The George C. Marshall Award is presented to the top cadet at each Army ROTC unit in the nation. Poling will join other cadets during a recognition ceremony to be held April 14-17 at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.

"Thomas has natural leadership abilities and sets the standard for every cadet at Marshall," Redmond said. "He is selfless, willing to help anyone, dedicated and has a great work ethic."

Poling, a native of Fairmont, is a Military Science IV cadet and a senior at MU. "This is a great honor for me because I have wanted to be a soldier my entire life," Poling said.

He possesses two qualities – initiative and leadership – that make him stand out from other cadets, according to Capt. John Block, assistant professor in the Department of Military Science at MU.

"Thomas is self motivated and strives to be the best at everything he does," Block



**Cadet Thomas C. Poling (right) is the recipient of the George C. Marshall Award as the top cadet in the Marshall ROTC unit. He was awarded by Lt. Col. Stephen A. Redmond (left), professor and chair of the military science department.**

said. "He is an outstanding student, leader and cadet. This award is highly regarded among Army personnel and it will serve to further his career."

Poling is the son of Frederick L. Poling

and Connie S. Poling of Fairmont.

For more information about Poling, the George C. Marshall Award or its criteria, contact the military science department, 696-6450.

## *Dinner and Theatre to be held Feb. 20*

An evening of dinner and theatre Friday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. will feature the MU Theatre Department's production of "Blythe Spirit" in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The MU Faculty Wives' Club is sponsoring the dinner, which is \$13 per person. It is being hosted by Linda Eikum-Dobbs, Katie Bonnett and Kay Sowards.

"Blythe Spirit", a comedy about an author plagued by his wives, both deceased and living, is directed by Dr. N.B. East.

For more information about the evening, contact Eikum-Dobbs, 696-2347, or the MU Theatre Department, 696-ARTS.

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## MU expands international operations

A federal program which provides unique opportunities for Marshall University students in Europe has expanded to include businesses and schools in Canada and Mexico, according to Dr. Richard Begley, chair of the MU Engineering Department.

"The U.S. Department of Education has allocated more than \$100,000 to be shared by Marshall, Kettering University (formerly the General Motors Institute) and another university to be chosen in the year 2000," Begley said.

"These universities will work to establish partnerships with several international companies and six institutions in Canada and Mexico," he added. "They will form a curriculum and provide academic and work opportunities for people involved in manufacturing and environmental engineering."

Several companies have agreed to cooperate with the program including: INCO Alloys International, TRW, Rockwell Automotive, Electronic Data Systems Corporation, GE Automotive, Lear Corporation, Douglas & Lomanson and BOSCH.

This project supplements an original \$175,000 award from the Department of Education to Marshall, Kettering and the University of Nebraska to form a relationship with partner institutions located in Europe.

"We are getting enthusiastic cooperation and interest from the European engineering institutions," Begley said. "This is primarily due to Huntington's industrial climate and the ongoing activities of Marshall's Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing, the Center for

International Programs and new academic programs in manufacturing and information technology."

Charlotte Weber, director of the Robert C. Byrd Institute, said the program has many benefits. "Through this program we have been able to place several students from France, Spain and Germany in manufacturing companies, enabling them to gain experience while providing service to the region's manufacturers."

The budget for these projects includes funding to support 15 Marshall students' travel to work and study abroad. Similar funds are budgeted by various countries for students to come to MU during the next three years. In addition, each institution will attempt to find industrial work for the students during their visit.

"The students who take advantage of this program will obtain valuable international work experience, which will complement their careers in many ways," said Dr. William A. Edwards, director of Marshall's Center for International Programs.

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## Approved bills include \$6.3 million for MU

Federal appropriations totaling \$6.3 million for Marshall University programs have been signed into law, according to U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.)

In a letter to Marshall President J. Wade Gilley, Byrd reported these appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998:

- \$2 million for Marshall's Forensic Science program.
- \$4 million for the continuation of funding for the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing.
- \$300,000 to continue the Autism Training Center at Marshall.

"Once again, Sen. Byrd has provided key support to initiatives benefiting not only Marshall University but the West Virginians we serve," Gilley said. "We are deeply grateful for his work on our behalf."

## Gibson announces retirement

Julia B. "Judy" Gibson, records officer in the Registrar's Office, has announced her retirement from Marshall University effective Feb. 5, according to MU Registrar Roberta Ferguson.



Gibson

"During her tenure Judy Gibson was always friendly and eager to help students, faculty, staff and administrators," Ferguson said. "She performed a variety of functions in the registrar's office including student registration, identification cards and transcript production."

Gibson has been a member of the Marshall staff for 31 years and served 27 years in the Registrar's Office.

"Judy served as historian and archivist for the office," Ferguson said. "She possesses a unique knowledge of history and academic record keeping at Marshall University. She is well liked and will be missed."

History is a favorite topic for Gibson and she relished the role of office historian and archivist. "When I began working for the registrar I helped the Alumni Office gather

historical information about Marshall," Gibson said. "That piqued my interest in history and I have tried to learn everything about the university and its past."

Gibson has also been witness to several historical events during her career at MU. "The tragic plane crash of 1970 is the most memorable event during my time in the Registrar's Office," she said. "We had to work with the Sheriff's Department during the investigation, fill out the victims' insurance cards and field calls from concerned people across the country."

Marshall had six different presidents during Gibson's career. "To see the university change and grow over the years has been interesting," she said. "It has been a long and enjoyable experience, but I am now looking forward to spending more time with my family."

Gibson said her post-retirement plans include traveling. "My husband, James, is a teacher at Symmes Valley High School," she stated. "When school is dismissed for the summer, we will have the opportunity to see a variety of places."

Residents of Chesapeake, Ohio, Judy and James Gibson are the parents of two grown children: James Victor Gibson of Blacksburg, Va. and Todd Gibson of Summit, Ky.

## Artists Series presents Berlin Symphony Orchestra Feb. 19

The Marshall University Artists Series will present the Berlin Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre, according to Angela Grant, marketing director with the series.

This performance will kick off the orchestra's United States debut tour and will feature piano soloist Derek Han and Grammy nominated conductor Joseph Silverstein.

"It is exciting to have a symphony orchestra of this caliber in Huntington, especially with such an accomplished piano soloist as Derek Han," Grant said. "His reputation as a pianist of fiery virtuosity, impeccable technique and consummate musicianship has placed him among the world's most accomplished keyboard players."

Joseph Silverstein has appeared as both conductor and violin soloist with more than 100 orchestras in the United States, Israel,

Europe and the Far East. His violin performance of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" with the Boston Symphony received a Grammy nomination.

Consisting of 65 musicians, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra will perform a variety of pieces including: Brahms' "Variation on a theme by Haydn, Opus 56a"; Mendelssohn's "Concerto for piano and orchestra No. 2 in D minor, Opus 40," and Schumann's "Symphony No. 1 in B-flat Major, Opus 38 (Spring)."

"We are fortunate to have the first performance of the orchestra's debut tour of the United States," Grant said. "With the special guests, this is a must-see event."

Tickets for the performance of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra are \$28 and \$30. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Angela Grant in the Marshall Artists Series, 696-6656.



# African American scholar to speak Feb. 10

Dr. William H. Turner, author of "Blacks in Appalachia," will be the featured speaker Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center, according to Ken Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs.

"Dr. Turner is a recognized expert in the study and practical application of community development initiatives in the Appalachian region," Blue said. "We are glad to have him as a lecturer."

An educator, journalist, lecturer and consultant in the areas of race and ethnic relations, Turner specializes in human resource management, helping to foster interracial relations and community coalitions. He also helps in the promotion of teamwork as driven by the challenges of societal and workplace diversity.

Alex Haley, for whom Turner served as a research associate for 10 years, said Turner

"knows more about black people in the mountains than anyone else in the world."

Turner is editor and publisher of "Sojourner," a semi-annual newsletter focused on black life in Appalachia. Along with Dwight Lewis, columnist for the Nashville Tennessean, he is working on a book tentatively entitled "There are no Blacks in Appalachia."

He is also heading up a team at the University of Kentucky to research and make policy recommendations on the social and economic status of African Americans in Appalachia and its sub-regions. The study, "African Americans in the Regional Agenda and Strategic Plans of the ARC," is sponsored by the Appalachian Regional Commission in order to inform its programming and to chart policy options for regional development.

As a professor of sociology, Turner has served as a teacher, researcher and adminis-

trator for more than 25 years. He has been affiliated with Fisk University, Howard University, the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.

A native of Lynch, Ky., he graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Kentucky in 1968 and received master's degrees from Notre Dame in sociology and anthropology. He has held fellowships for postdoctoral studies at the University of Pennsylvania, George Washington University and the Duke University Center for the Study of Civil Rights and Race Relations.

"Dr. Turner is an extraordinary scholar and I invite everyone to hear his lecture," Blue said.

His lecture, entitled "When People Disappear: Appalachian Blacks," is part of Marshall University's celebration of Black History Month and is sponsored by the MU Center for African American Students.

# MU expands international operations

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Jacki Pick of West Portsmouth, Ohio, will be one of the first MU students to receive the travel stipend of \$2,000 from this program and plans to go to Spain on Feb. 2.

"The benefit of this opportunity to my future career of international corporate law is immeasurable," Pick said. "This program represents a once in a lifetime opportunity for Marshall students to see the world, to establish fluency in a second language and to make international contacts in the academic and professional world."

Begley credited the partnership with Kettering University as invaluable to Marshall's success in international competition. "The Board of Trustees from

Kettering includes executives from companies such as Chrysler, General Motors, Ford, Delphi, Dow, General Electric, Worthington, Xerox and others," he said.

"Our partnership has the potential to open doors for our graduates and for our area and state economic development efforts."

INCO Alloys International is one of the local corporations which recognize the benefits of this program. "One of our manufacturing facilities is in France, so we are considering providing work placements for two French engineering students in our Huntington operation," said Francis Petro, INCO Alloys president.

"In addition, we are also providing jobs for up to four MU engineering students who

want to transfer to Kettering University for his or her last two years of study toward an engineering degree. These partnerships are exciting and hold great potential."

Jack Klim of D&E Industries, who recently went on a trade mission to Germany, said D&E "is going to use an engineering student from Germany to help implement an inventory program and serve as a German speaking technical resource to assist efforts to help expand the customer base in that country."

In addition to helping local corporations and Marshall University, this program provides a boost to the state as well, according to Thomas C. Burns, executive director of the West Virginia Development Office.

"The participation of Marshall in this unique project will assist several of the automotive industry leaders and manufacturers we work with in our business retention, expansion and attraction efforts," he said.

With the success of the European program and the expansion into Canada and Mexico, Begley is hopeful that other businesses in the Tri-State will help provide three month work placements for the incoming students.

"Any business in our area that has an interest in marketing products or services in the manufacturing or environmental arena in Canada, Mexico or Europe may have potential benefits through participation as a partner in these coalitions," he said.

Contact Begley, 696-6660, for more information.

## Professor to present lecture on museums

Dr. Troy Stewart, professor and chair of the Department of Political Science, will present a lecture entitled "Great Art Museums: Confessions of an Amateur" Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 621.

"I have devoted as much time as possible to visiting museums, churches, palaces and other buildings that house art," Stewart said. "I consider myself an amateur in the true sense, because the word 'amateur' derives from the Latin word for love."

While Stewart is intrigued by art's history as an instrument of political power, that

connection to his professional field has little bearing on his fascination with art. He has spent numerous vacations and a sabbatical visiting various art museums around the world.

"The size and fame of a museum doesn't always impress me as much as the nature of the works of art that are on exhibit," he said.

Stewart's lecture is sponsored by the Birke Art Gallery, and the 11th Annual Student Juried Show is currently on exhibition.

Contact the gallery, 696-2296, for more information about the lecture or the exhibition.

# MU faculty and staff achievements

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, distinguished professor of management in the Lewis College of Business, presented a workshop entitled "Council Practice and Procedures" to the statewide annual conference of the West Virginia Municipal League, held Aug. 8, 1997, in Morgantown.

ALEXANDER presented a paper entitled "Health Care Graduates Follow-up Study: From Inception to Present Day" at the international conference of the Academy of Business Administration Dec. 19, 1997 in Acapulco, Mexico. The paper will be published in the conference proceeding. He also served as chair of a discussion entitled "Teaching Excellence."

At the monthly meeting of the International Facilities Management Association on Jan. 21 at the Arch Coal building, ALEXANDER presented a talk/workshop on motivation. He also attended legislative receptions in Charleston on Jan. 19 and 21, the first as the result of an invitation of the West Virginia Municipal League and the second through his membership in the West

Virginia Forest Association and his membership in the West Virginia Farm Bureau.

Dr. MADONNA COMBS, professor in the School of Nursing, presented her research entitled "Maternal Learning Needs in Early Postpartum: An Instrument Development Study" at the International Nursing Research Conference: The 24th Nursing Research Conference, held Jan. 23 at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz.

Dr. JEFFREY POWELL, assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy, organized and coordinated an interdisciplinary conference entitled "What is Post-Modernity?" Jan. 22-23 at Marshall University. He also presented a welcome address entitled "Post? Modernity?" at the conference. Dr. Michael B. Naas, associate professor of philosophy at DePaul University, gave the keynote address entitled "Post-modern Hospitality" at the conference.

Several MU faculty members participated in the conference. Dr. NANCY LANG, assistant professor in the Department of English, presented a lecture entitled "Thirteen

Ways of Looking at a Post-modern Novel"; JOHN VAN KIRK, assistant professor in the Department of English, presented a lecture entitled "Umbilicals";

Dr. TERRENCE McQUEENY, associate professor in the Department of Modern Languages, presented a lecture entitled "James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, and Post-modernism"; DEBBIE FREIDIN, professor of English and German, presented a lecture entitled "Vietnam: A Crisis in Ideology, Self and Representation." Dr. NICHOLAS FREIDIN, associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, presented "The Tarnished Trowel: A Post-modern Perspective of Archeology"; Dr. JOHN VIELKIND, professor and chair in the Department of Psychology, presented a lecture entitled "Nietzsche and Post-modernity."

Student presenters at the conference were BOB BRUMFIELD and KRIS CLIFFORD, who presented "Oedipus Wrecks (and other calamities) on the Lost Highway"; BREECE MANNON, who presented "(Re)thinking the Body Feminine," and STACIE COATES-ANBURGEY, who presented "The Standard of Beauty: Wearing the Intellect in the 1990's" and thematized a session entitled "The Feminist Post-modern."

Dr. KELLIE BEAN, assistant professor in the Department of English, served as moderator and respondent for "The Feminist Post-modern" session at the conference.

Several students from the Department of Philosophy served as moderators for the remaining sessions, including: SHAWN HONEY, BROOKE BROWNING (also from the English Department), JOHN STONE (also from the Department of Modern Languages), ROBBIE ASHWORTH, DAVID ANDERSON and ERIC BUTLER.

Dr. JOHN VIELKIND, professor and chair in the Department of Psychology, also had an article entitled "The Pathology of a Genealogist," a review of Infectious Nietzsche by David Farrell Krell, published in Research in Phenomenology (Vol. 27, 1997).

## Tephly-Welch Duo to perform Feb. 8

Two faculty members of the Marshall University music department will kick off a concert tour Sunday, Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. with a performance at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3000 Washington Blvd.

Dr. Susan Tephly, assistant professor of cello, and Dr. Leo Welch, associate professor of guitar, will perform works for their specialty instruments during the tour.

"I am very excited because the pairing of cello and guitar is unique and there are very few pieces written for the combination," Tephly said. "We have composed our own arrangements especially for this tour, which has given us the chance to be creative and try new things."

The Feb. 8 program is the first of numerous demonstrations and performances at junior high schools, senior high schools, colleges and universities in West Virginia, Ken-

tucky and Pennsylvania.

"This will be our first tour as a duo and we plan to travel until mid-March," Welch said. "It is wonderful to play with a cellist like Susan Tephly and I enjoy working with her."

Following the tour on March 30, Tephly and Welch will travel to Chicago to perform on WFMT radio's "Live From Studio One" series.

"This is a great opportunity for us because the show is two hours of interviews and performances, broadcast on Chicago public radio," Welch said. "It will give us a chance to gain exposure for ourselves, our work and Marshall University."

For more information contact Susan Tephly, 696-3198, or Leo Welch, 696-6459, in the Marshall University Department of Music.

## Marshall student excused absences...

The following students have been granted university excused absences for the dates indicated:

**Feb. 5 and Feb. 19** - Shawna Baylous, Megan Daniels, Alison Fisher, Matt Isner, Connie Nichols, Brooke Perry, Lisa Sopko, Janis Sheppard, Courtney Vest and Nicole Wright.

These students will be in Lexington, Ky.

to conduct research for the JMC 439 Public Relations Campaign Management Class.

**Feb. 3-7** - Tressa Preston, Jon Joy, Matt Marcum, Brannen Daugherty, Kelly Jenkins, Teresa Wilson, Jeremy Richter and Tyler Tackett.

These students will be participating in the American College Theatre Festival regional in Clemson, S.C.

## Faculty Wives' Club to meet February 6

The Marshall University Faculty Wives' Club will meet Friday, Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. in Room 2E10 of the Memorial Student Center.

It will be an open board meeting for all interested personnel and will focus on restructuring the club.